

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 29, 2016)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President James R Guy, Commissioner Michael L Hewitt, Commissioner Tom Jarboe, Commissioner Todd B Morgan, Commissioner John E O'Connor

2. RECOGNITION(S)

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Proclamations were presented for Fair Housing Month and St. Mary's County Respect Week

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS OF APRIL 5 AND APRIL 12, 2016

B. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Delegation of Erosion & Sediment Control Enforcement Authority

I move to approve the letter to the Secretary of the Director of the Maryland Department of the Environment Water Management Administration.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

C. HUMAN RESOURCES - Length of Service Awards Program/LOSAP

I move to approve the eligibility lists of the St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squads and Advanced Life Support Company's for those individuals who qualify for the Length of Service Awards Programs/LOSAP service credit in 2015.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - FY2016 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Agreement

I move to approve the FY2016 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Agreement, Project #MD-1617, from the Maryland Department of Commerce in the amount of \$44,907 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Agreement and the related Budget Amendment and related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF RECREATION & PARKS - Budget Amendment to Closeout Completed Project #RP0902

I move to approve the budget amendment closing out the Charlotte Hall Athletic Fields project #RP0902 and returning the remaining project funds in the amount of \$3,887 to the FIN16 Capital Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - MOU Modification-Substance Related Disorder Prevention Services

I move to approve the modified Substance Related Disorder Prevention Services MOU, project US1623 and 1624, from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Behavioral Health Administration on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services in the amount of \$208,096, for substance related disorder prevention services and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2017 Senior Rides Program Grant Application

I move to approve the Senior Rides Program grant application, project MD1705, from the Maryland Department of Transportation on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services in the amount of \$35,936 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPT. OF FINANCE - Budget Amendments for Holiday (2/15/2016) Snow Storm

I move to approve the Budget Amendments transferring Commissioners' Emergency Reserve allocation of \$27,628 to County Departments' and Elected Officials' overtime and fringe accounts for double-time salary expenses related to the snow storm on 2/15/2016, allocate funding of \$136,000 to the Public Work's Snow Removal Account due to a budget shortfall, apply floating holiday hours, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second NONE.

4. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. FINANCE - Approval and Execution of the FY2017 Recommended Budget

Present: Jeannette Cudmore, CFO

Patty Steigman, Deputy Finance Officer

Ms. Cudmore presented the proposed FY2017 Recommended Budget for approval to take to Public Hearing at Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Chopticon High School. Included in the \$219,782,337 proposed budget is \$50,772,429 for County Departments (non-profits included in County Departments); \$42,408,042 for Elected Officials; \$113,713,420 for Boards and State Agencies; \$14,763,262 for other budget costs; and, (\$1,874,816) to transfers and reserves. The Public Hearing reserve is \$198,176. The proposed recommended budget also includes the Real Property Tax Rate at \$0.8523, an increase in the Emergency Services Support Tax from \$.016 to \$.028 on each \$100 of assessable and personal property; and, an increase in the Solid Waste Environmental Fee from \$60 to \$72 per year on each improved residential property.

I move that we approve the FY2017 Recommended Budget, as presented, to take to public hearing on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, and that we execute the "Recommended Estimate of Revenues and Appropriations".

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Behavioral Health Services Administration Report

Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 6:33 pm.

Present: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Notice of this public hearing was published in the *Enterprise Newspaper* on March 23 and 25, 2016. In April 2015, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) suggested that the County consider transferring behavioral health services administration from the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to the St. Mary's County Health Department since other jurisdictions support this model and the vendor(s) would receive payments more timely. Dr. Bridgett provided background information on services in the County and noted that meetings were held with stakeholders, information was gathered from Charles and Calvert Counties and technical assistance was provided by DHMH to address the proposed transfer.

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing for public comments.

Support DHMH suggestion

Amy Henderson, Leonardtown, MD 20650

John Parlett, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Michael West, Mechanicsville, MD 0659

Oppose DHMH suggestion

Julie Randall, Lexington Park, MD (speaking for the Walden Board Members)

Dr. Kathy O'Brien, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Ella May Russell, Abell, MD 20606

Neutral to DHMH suggestion

Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer, St. Mary's County Health Department clarified that although the Health Department has a State Human Resources structure, their mission is completely local. She noted that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County serve as the Board of Health which provides governance for the organization and the Health Department's focus is St. Mary's County and all health issues in the County. As the Health Officer and Health Department we will do whatever the Commissioners desire.

Commissioner Morgan noted that there was a lot of money moving from Grant Funded to Fee for Service. He asked what the impact would be on the County, how this will affect citizens, what is the cause and effect, and how will the move impact the Department of Aging and Human Services?

There were no others wishing to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing for public comment noting the open comment period would remain open for an additional 7 days and closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.